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LEGAL DEPARTMENT

December 1, 1986

AIRBORNE

Mr. Joseph DeVuono
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Section SHE-12
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. DeVuono:

Sites Connected with Steve Martell
Northeast, Illinois and Northwest, Indiana

This letter is in response to Basil G. Constantelos' letter of October 17, 1986 (received on October 28, 1986) informing Du Pont of potential responsibility at the above-referenced sites and seeking information on our involvement with Mr. Steve Martell or use of sites connected with Steve Martell during the period of 1955 to 1980.

In response to your request for information, a Company-wide search of records was conducted under Ms. Meitner's direction, including appropriate interviews with knowledgeable employees. We have found no evidence that any Du Pont plant ever directly conducted business with Steve Martell. However, based on plant responses to the Eckhardt Survey, our Chicago facility did use one of the businesses identified in the attachment to your request for information. Specifically, the nature of this business was the removal of various waste materials from our Chicago plant by Paxton Landfill Corporation beginning sometime around 1954. We have no knowledge of the quantity or volume of waste handled by Paxton Landfill Corporation, nor do we have knowledge of the time period Paxton Landfill disposed of Du Pont waste materials. The Chicago plant was closed on November 1, 1984 and subsequently sold during the first quarter of 1985.

Further in compliance to your request and in response to specific questions 1-11, we submit the following information:

1. All records with respect to the relevant time period, 1955-1980, have been destroyed in accordance with Du Pont's records retention schedule.
2. See response to (1) above.
3. For want of information and knowledge, we cannot describe or identify any business transactions with Steve Martell. To the best of our knowledge, we have had no business transactions with Mr. David Head, U.S. Scrap Corporation. Also, see response to (1) above.
4. To the best of our knowledge and belief, waste was transported from the Chicago plant to various landfills including, but not limited to:

Paxton Landfill Corporation
119th and Oglesby
Chicago, Illinois

No information is available to substantiate the ultimate location of our waste materials.
5. Information contained in the attached General Facility Information report (Eckhardt Survey) discusses the chemical character of the waste material disposed by Paxton Landfill -- Appendix I.
6. For want of information and knowledge, we cannot provide a response for the total volume of waste disposed of, nor can we provide disposal dates. Also, see response to (1) above.
7. See response to (1) above.
8. Information contained in the attached General Facility Information report (Eckhardt Survey) lists the various transporters used -- Appendix I. For want of information and knowledge, we cannot identify the specific transporter(s) involved during the relevant time period referenced herein. There is no information or documentation available to determine how the waste was transported to the Paxton Landfill.
9. See response to (8) above.

10. To the best of our knowledge and belief, and based on interviews with employee(s) formerly with the Chicago plant, some of our daily disposal practices included the following: liquid caustic waste solutions, waste liquids and solvents were pumped from storage tanks into 55 gallon drums for disposal. Other waste materials, waste paper, cans, etc., were processed in a trash compactor. No documents or records are available to completely describe the waste disposal practices of the facility during the relevant time referenced herein.
11. Du Pont is self-insured.

Lastly, our only knowledge of any involvement with the Paxton Landfill is based upon employee(s) recollection that such a landfill existed. Moreover, in late 1983-84, during the initial shutdown phase of the Chicago plant under the direction of Du Pont plant management, several employees were requested to inspect the Paxton Landfill site as a result of the Paxton site being identified in the plant generated General Facility Information reports (Eckhardt Survey). Our employees did inspect the site, however, no visible site existed at that time. Subsequently, the Chicago plant was closed on November 1, 1984.

A diligent search for records and information was completed. We would welcome receiving any additional information the Agency has regarding our alleged involvement with this site and will continue our search as such evidence provides worthwhile leads.

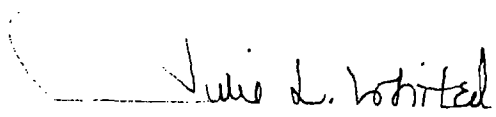
In addition, to the extent that Du Pont generated wastes are contributing to the release of hazardous substances at the site, Du Pont will, of course, participate in corrective measures and satisfy its fair share of removal and/or remediation expenses.

Please direct all future correspondence on this matter to:

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I certify that all information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

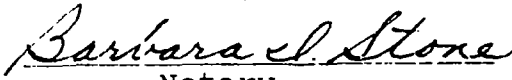
Very truly yours,


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Requested
P. Meitner, Du Pont

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 1st day
of December, 1986.


Notary